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CINCPAC FOR POLAD AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NOTE ON PROCEDURE FOR TURN-OVER OF USAID ASSETS

REF: STATE 133675

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF
DE CABINET SOUBANH AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9 TO DELIVER NOTE
AND MAKE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. HE EMPHASIZED SEVERAL
EXAMPLES OF LACK OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING ATMOSPHERE OF
JUNE 6 USAID SEVERANCE PAY NEGOTIATIONS. AFTER LEARNING
THAT PRESENTATION WAS BASED ON WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS,
SOUBANH TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON ORAL PRESENTATION AND LATER
PLAYED IT BACK WITH REASONABLE ACCURACY. HE PROFESSED AGREEMENT
WITH POINT CONTAINED PARA
2(B) OF REFTEL (THAT CLIMATE
OF GREATER TRUST WOULD PERMIT PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS
AND THUS AN ENHANCEMENT OF FUTURE RELATIONS). HE TWICE
DECLINED TO READ NOTE IN POL COUNSELOR'S PRESENCE BUT SAID
HE WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY. HE NODDED ASSENT
WHEN TOLD THAT EARLY WRITTEN REPLY WOULD SPEED TURN-OVER
PROCESS.

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2. WE HAD THOUGHT THIS WAS ENOUGH FOR ONE SITTING AND
SO DID NOT ATTEMPT TO RAISE OTHER
ISSUES. HOWEVER,
SOUBANH RECALLED JUNE 6 CONVERSATION IN WHICH POL COUNSELOR
HAD RAISED, AMONG OTHERS, THE PROBLEM POSED BY ONEROUS
NEW DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTGOING SURFACE SHIPMENTS
OF HHE. SOUBANH SAID HE HAD DIRECTED HIS ATTACHE DE
CABINET TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEM AND WE WOULD BE ADVISED OF
RESULTS. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FONMIN PROTOCOL
PEB*2AACR-AQ VZ KF@I*Q6,!A)KWDD@A*Y G*8.R,=F-/K?VB ,*.2.666863E-78+
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